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SUBJECT: CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA LAUDED

1. SHORT TWO-PART ARTICLE DEALING FAVORABLY WITH CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, WRITTEN BY LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION MEMBER CARLOS PEREZ HERRERA, APPEARED IN MAY 13-14 ISSUES OF PRO-GOP MATUTINO. PROMINENT PLAY ALSO GIVEN TO FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE FROM TORRIJOS TO DR. AGUSTINO NETO IN EDITORIAL PAGES OF PANAMA AMERICA.

2. IN PRAISING ROLE OF CUBAN MILITARY IN ANGOLA, PEREZ HERRERA NOTED U.S. WAR OF INDEPENDENCE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM FRENCH AND OTHER NATIONS. SIMON BOLIVAR AND LATIN AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT ALSO NOTED AS RECIPIENTS OF FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. CUBAN ROLE IN ANGOLA'S "WAR OF LIBERATION" IS CITED BY ARTICLE AS SYMBOLIC OF LATIN AMERICA'S SUPPORT OF MOVEMENTS OF LIBERATION.

3.COMMENT: TENOR OF PEREZ HERRERA ARTICLE IS SHARP CONTRAST TO ARTICLES IN RECENT MONTHS DEALING WITH CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. ARTICLES AND PUBLICITY PROBABLY SPURRED BY GOP'S DECISION TO RECOGNIZE ANGOLAN

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GOVERNMENT OF NETO RATHER THAN ANY CHANGE OF HEART

CONCERNING CUBA'S RECENT ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. PEREZ
HERRERA, A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, IS BOTH
SOMETHING OF A FOREIGN POLICY SPECIALIST OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION AND A WELL KNOWN LEFTIST
OPENLY SYMPARHETIC TO AND SUPPORTIVE OF RADICAL FOREIGN
POLICY CAUSES (E.G., THAT OF KNORTH KOREA) WHICH GO
BEYOND OFFICIAL GOP POLICY. END COMMENT.
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